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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Resolution No. 1850

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NORFOLK'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN BY COMMITTING TO ENROLLING IN THE BETTER BUILDINGS CHALLENGE AND OTHER RELATED INITIATIVES RESULTING IN IMPROVING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF CITY OWNED BUILDINGS BY TWENTY PERCENT (20%) FROM THE 2019 BASELINE BY DECEMBER 31, 2032.

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WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk has authority under its Charter to do all things whatsoever necessary or expedient for promoting or maintaining the general welfare, comfort, and health of the City or its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2017, Mayor Kenneth C. Alexander signed the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, formally symbolizing Norfolk's goal to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018, the City Council of the City of Norfolk, Virginia established the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption ("Commission") to assist the City in meeting the goals of the Global Covenant; and

WHEREAS, the Commission members worked diligently and collaboratively to develop a Climate Action Plan to identify measurable achievable goals for cutting Norfolk's carbon emissions, for mitigating and adapting to climate change, and for positioning Norfolk as a vibrant, resilient, healthy, and economically flourishing city, which included a goal to increase building and operation energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2019, the City Council of the City of Norfolk passed Resolution 1,743 in support of the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk's municipal building Energy Use Intensity (EUI) for the year 2019 was determined to be 199 kBtu/ft² ("2019 baseline"); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge requires a commitment to a 20% reduction in EUI over 10 years with annual measurements of municipal building energy use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk is confident it can achieve a twenty percent (20%) reduction in municipal building EUI from the 2019 baseline to 159 kBtu/ft² by December 31, 2032; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the City Council of the City of Norfolk, in consideration of the foregoing and in light of the best interests of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, and the general welfare of its citizens,

resolves that the City of Norfolk intends to join the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge.

Section 2:- That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge and to do all things necessary and proper to carry out its terms.

Section 3:- That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted by Council January 25, 2022
Effective January 25, 2022

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TESTE:

RICHARD ALLAN BULL

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CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK